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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday
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DAILY REPORT

32nd
Legislative
Day

House Budget & Research Office
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- The House will reconvene for its 33rd Legislative Day on Tuesday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- No bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

SB 21 Georgia Veterans Service Foundation, Inc.; revise operations

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 21 revises provisions related to the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation by expanding the number of board directors from seven people to a range of seven to 13 people and specifying that at least four of the members have served a certain amount of time in the armed forces or National Guard or reserves. SB 21 reduces the term of members from seven years to three years and increases the meeting frequency from annually to quarterly. Lastly, the bill allows the commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services to appoint a chief executive officer.

Authored By: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
House Defense & Veterans Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 169 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 02-21-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

SB 23 O.C.G.A.; various titles; revise a committee name; relating to inactive boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies; provisions; repeal

Bill Summary: SB 23 amends the Code by revising committee names and authority titles while repealing specific inactive authorities, committees, advisory councils, offices, and commissions. The bill specifies how assets of certain entities are devolved following repeal. Language relating to prefiling of legislation is repealed.

Authored By: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
House Code Revision
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 108 Nays: 61

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 02-22-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

Local Calendar

HB 468 Butler, City of; change description of council districts

Bill Summary: HB 468 changes the city council districts of the City of Butler.

Authored By: Rep. Patty Bentley (150th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee 03-10-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 511 Catoosa County; ad valorem tax for educational purposes; provide homestead exemption

Bill Summary: HB 511 provides that the surviving spouse of a person granted a homestead exemption from Catoosa County school district ad valorem taxes for residents 75 years of age or older shall continue to receive such exemption following the death of the original grantee.

Authored By:	Rep. Mitchell Horner (3rd)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	03-10-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 164 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 540 Wilkes County; board of elections and registration; create

Bill Summary: HB 540 creates a board of elections and registration for Wilkes County.

Authored By:	Rep. Rob Leverett (123rd)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	03-10-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 97 Nays: 68	Amendments:	

HB 601 Sandy Springs, City of; city council; change description of districts

Bill Summary: HB 601 changes the city council districts for the City of Sandy Springs.

Authored By:	Rep. Deborah Silcox (53rd)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	03-10-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:	Local	Action:	Substitute
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 164 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 620 Bartow County; Chief Magistrate; cost-of-living adjustments to compensation; change provisions

Bill Summary: HB 620 revises the compensation of the chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Bartow County.

Authored By:	Rep. Mitchell Scoggins (14th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	03-10-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 164 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 621 Bartow County; Tax Commissioner; longevity increases in compensation; provide

Bill Summary: HB 621 revises the compensation of the tax commissioner of Bartow County.

Authored By:	Rep. Mitchell Scoggins (14th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	03-10-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 164 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 623 Bartow County; Superior Court clerk; cost-of-living adjustments to compensation; change provisions

Bill Summary: HB 623 revises the compensation of the Clerk of Superior Court for Bartow County.

Authored By:	Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	03-10-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 164 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 624 Bartow County; Commissioner; change cost-of-living adjustment for compensation

Bill Summary: HB 624 revises the compensation of the commissioner of Bartow County.

Authored By:	Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th)	Rule Applied:	
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House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-10-2023 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 164 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 631 Swainsboro, City of; corporate limits; change provisions

Bill Summary: HB 631 changes the corporate limits of the City of Swainsboro.

Authored By:	Rep. Butch Parrish (158th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-10-2023 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 164 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 642 Cherokee County; Board of Elections; establish

Bill Summary: HB 642 establishes the board of elections and registration for Cherokee County.

Authored By:	Rep. Jordan Ridley (22nd)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-10-2023 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 97 Nays: 71	Amendments:	

HB 644 Cherokee County; Board of Elections; abolition on a date certain; provide

Bill Summary: HB 644 abolishes the board of elections and registration for Cherokee County.

Authored By:	Rep. Jordan Ridley (22nd)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-10-2023 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 97 Nays: 71	Amendments:	

HB 662 Fulton County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of a technology fee

Bill Summary: HB 662 authorizes a technology fee by the Probate Court of Fulton County.

Authored By:	Rep. Roger Bruce (61st)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-10-2023 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 164 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

Committee Actions

Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.

Banks & Banking Committee

SB 84 "Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008"; financial protections for elder and disabled adults who may be victims of financial exploitation; provide

Bill Summary: SB 84 requires an investment advisor or a person in a supervisory, compliance, or legal capacity for a broker or investment advisor who has reasonable cause to believe that the financial exploitation of an eligible adult, either a person at least 65 years old or an adult who is mentally or physically incapacitated, has Alzheimer's disease, or has dementia, to promptly notify the Secretary of State of pertinent information relevant to the financial exploitation.

The qualified individual may also notify any third party previously designated by the eligible adult, provided that third party is not the suspect in the alleged financial exploitation. The investment advisor may delay a disbursement from the eligible adult's account if there is reasonable cause to believe financial exploitation is occurring, but must notify within two business days after the delay the Secretary of State and all non-suspect parties authorized to transact business on the account.

The advisor must also conduct an internal review and report results to the Secretary of State within seven business days of the requested disbursement. No investment advisor will be subject to administrative or civil liability by exercising good faith and reasonable care in delaying a disbursement or failing to notify an eligible adult.

Authored By: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
House Committee: Banks & Banking

Committee Action: 03-13-2023 Do Pass

SB 90 Selling and Other Trade Practices; commercial financing disclosures; provide

Bill Summary: SB 90 requires providers of certain commercial financing transactions to disclose with each transaction: the total amount of funds provided to the business in the transaction; the total amount of funds disbursed to the business after any fees, withholdings, or third-party payments; the total amount to be paid to the provider under the transaction terms; the total dollar cost of the transaction; and a statement of whether there are any costs or discounts associated with prepayment under the transaction.

No broker will solicit or collect an advance fee from a business to provide services as a broker, nor will a broker make any false representations in offering their services or offer their services in a publication without disclosing necessary contact information. The attorney general may take action to enforce these provisions, and the bill contains civil penalties for violations of these provisions.

The bill requires a notice on each unsolicited mailing from unlicensed entities trying to purchase or purchase an option in real property from the addressee that the addressee is under no obligation to respond. The notice must be in capital letters and at least two inches from other text at the top of the mailing. The front of the envelope must have similar wording, "SOLICITATION, YOU ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO OPEN OR TO RESPOND", in an effort to warn elderly consumers of their right to disregard any solicitations to sign away their property rights. Brokerage engagements are prohibited from attaching a lien, encumbrance, or other real property security interest, and deems such items void if one is attached.

Authored By: Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)
House Committee: Banks & Banking

Committee Action: 03-13-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Health Committee

SB 164 Nurses; licensure of advanced practice registered nurses; provide

Bill Summary: SB 164 creates licensure requirements for advanced practice registered nurses and changes the definition of "advanced practice registered nurse" (APRN) to only a person licensed by the Georgia Board of Nursing who is either a certified nurse midwife, certified nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, or a recognized APRN before June 30, 2006. The bill makes it a misdemeanor to practice as an APRN without a license.

The bill adds anesthesiologist assistant to the Georgia Composite Medical Board in an advisory-only capacity to the board and to the board-appointed Physician Assistants Advisory Committee.

Section 6 of SB 164 is the 'Anesthesiologist Assistant Act', which creates the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants through the Georgia Composite Medical Board, and provides for licensure and renewal requirements. This bill allows for anesthesiologist assistants to perform duties and responsibilities as delegated by the supervising anesthesiologist, and requires the supervising anesthesiologist or an alternate supervising anesthesiologist to be immediately available to intervene if needed during the delivery of care.

The bill allows for a supervising anesthesiologist to delegate to an anesthesiologist assistant the authority to order controlled substances, dangerous drugs, medical treatments, and diagnostic studies.

The bill states that the board can issue a previously revoked license under certain conditions after rehabilitation, and makes it a misdemeanor to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant without a license. Authority is granted for an anesthesiologist assistant to provide care for up to 48 hours during a state of emergency or public health emergency.

Authored By: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
House Health
Committee:

Committee 03-13-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

SB 197 "Health Care Practitioners Truth and Transparency Act"; enact

Bill Summary: SB 197 amends the 'Consumer Information and Awareness Act' to prohibit an advertisement or identification by a healthcare practitioner that includes deceptive or misleading terms or false representation or references to medical or medical specialty titles, unless the practitioner is a licensed physician.

The bill requires advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to verbally identify themselves during each patient interaction and clearly state they are not a medical doctor if they hold a doctorate degree and identify themselves with the title "doctor".

Authored By: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
House Health
Committee:

Committee 03-13-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

SB 223 Health; reimbursement of patient incurred expenses related to participation in a cancer clinical trial; authorize

Bill Summary: SB 223 requires all sponsors of cancer clinical trials to provide potential patient-subjects with information on whether reimbursement will be available for travel and ancillary costs for patient-subjects and those who accompany the patient-subject for support.

The bill states reimbursements are provided to eliminate financial barriers to enrollment and will not be considered an undue inducement or coercive. All information provided will be reviewed by the

relevant federal institution. The nature of ancillary support and guidelines on financial eligibility will be disclosed and conform to federal law.

Authored By: Sen. Ben Watson (1st)
House Health
Committee:

Committee 03-13-2023 Do Pass
Action:

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

HB 675 Riceboro, City of; residency requirements for candidacy for office or mayor or councilmember; revise provisions

Bill Summary: HB 675 revises the city charter for the City of Riceboro relating to the mayor and city council.

Authored By: Rep. Al Williams (168th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local

Committee 03-13-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 676 Ben Hill County; Board of Education; modify compensation of members

Bill Summary: HB 676 revises the compensation of the Board of Education of Ben Hill County.

Authored By: Rep. Leesa Hagan (156th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local

Committee 03-13-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 680 Thomasville, City of; City Council and Board of Education; reapportion districts

Bill Summary: HB 680 changes the city council and board of education districts for the City of Thomasville.

Authored By: Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local

Committee 03-13-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 681 Quitman County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee

Bill Summary: HB 681 authorizes a technology fee by the Probate Court of Quitman County.

Authored By: Rep. Gerald Greene (154th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local

Committee 03-13-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 682 Seminole County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee

Bill Summary: HB 682 authorizes a technology fee by the Probate Court of Seminole County.

Authored By: Rep. Gerald Greene (154th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local

Committee 03-13-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 683 Seminole County; Magistrate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee

Bill Summary: HB 683 authorizes a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Seminole County.

Authored By: Rep. Gerald Greene (154th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local

Committee 03-13-2023 Do Pass
Action:

- HB 685 Early County; Magistrate Court; authorize assessment and collection of a technology fee**
Bill Summary: HB 685 authorizes a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Early County.
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| Author By: | Rep. Gerald Greene (154th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 03-13-2023 Do Pass |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |
- HB 686 Early County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee**
Bill Summary: HB 686 authorizes a technology fee by the Probate Court of Early County.
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| Author By: | Rep. Gerald Greene (154th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 03-13-2023 Do Pass |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |
- HB 688 Miller County; Magistrate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee**
Bill Summary: HB 688 authorizes a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Miller County.
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| Author By: | Rep. Gerald Greene (154th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 03-13-2023 Do Pass |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |
- HB 689 Miller County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee**
Bill Summary: HB 689 authorizes a technology fee by the Probate Court of Miller County.
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| Author By: | Rep. Gerald Greene (154th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 03-13-2023 Do Pass |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |
- HB 690 Baker County; Magistrate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee**
Bill Summary: HB 690 authorizes a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Baker County.
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| Author By: | Rep. Gerald Greene (154th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 03-13-2023 Do Pass |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |
- HB 691 Baker County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee**
Bill Summary: HB 691 authorizes a technology fee by the Probate Court of Baker County.
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| Author By: | Rep. Gerald Greene (154th) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 03-13-2023 Do Pass |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |
- SB 104 Cobb County; sheriff compensation; change**
Bill Summary: SB 104 changes the compensation of the sheriff of Cobb County.
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| Author By: | Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 03-13-2023 Do Pass by Committee |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | Substitute |
- SB 231 Richmond County and the City of Augusta; mayor shall be a full voting member of the commission; provide**
Bill Summary: SB 231 revises the voting rights of the mayor of Augusta-Richmond County.
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| Author By: | Sen. Max Burns (23rd) | | |
| House | Intragovernmental Coordination - | Committee | 03-13-2023 Do Pass |
| Committee: | Local | Action: | |

Juvenile Justice Committee

SB 134 Evidence; that a child witness be deemed competent to testify without taking the oath; provide

Bill Summary: SB 134 adds proceedings involving termination of parental rights to the list of proceedings in which minors are not required to be sworn in prior to offering testimony.

In all dependency adjudications involving juveniles and involving injury or disease, a written medical report will be admissible into evidence without any hearsay objection as long as applicable notice is provided to the adverse party at least five days prior to the adjudication hearing. Any objection, on a ground other than hearsay, must be made within three days of being provided the report.

In all hearings involving termination of parental rights and involving injury or disease, a written medical report will be admissible into evidence without any hearsay objection as long as applicable notice is provided to the adverse party at least 15 days prior to the adjudication hearing. Any objection, on a ground other than hearsay, must be made within seven days of being provided the report.

Authored By: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)
House Committee: Juvenile Justice

Committee Action: 03-13-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 135 Paternity; Uniform Parentage Act of 2017; align evidentiary medical and genetic testing

Bill Summary: SB 135 clarifies that when genetic testing is required by court order, testing must be of a type reasonably relied upon by experts in that field and conducted by a laboratory accredited by either the AABB (formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks) or an accrediting body designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Results of genetic testing, including the statistical likelihood of the alleged parent's parentage, are admitted into evidence without foundational testimony or other proof of accuracy, unless a party objects in writing at least 30 days prior to a hearing at which the results may be introduced into evidence.

The bill makes results of required genetic testing self-authenticating and admissible into any civil actions as long as documentation from the laboratory contains the following chain of custody information: the name and photograph of each individual whom was tested; the name of the individual who collected the test result; the place and date each result was collected; the name of the person who received the result in the laboratory; and the date the result was received.

Authored By: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
House Committee: Juvenile Justice

Committee Action: 03-13-2023 Do Pass

Public Health Committee

SB 1 State Government; automatic repealer on the prohibition on state and local governments from requiring proof of COVID vaccination for government services; remove

Bill Summary: SB 1 removes the sunset on the prohibition that prevents state and local governments from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of providing services, accessing a facility, issuing licenses or permits, performing duties, and other matters.

Authored By: Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
House Committee: Public Health

Committee Action: 03-13-2023 Do Pass

Small Business Development Committee

SB 55 Counties, Municipal Corporations, and other Governmental Entities; regulation of businesses of persons under 18 years of age; prohibit

Bill Summary: SB 55 prohibits the regulation of businesses of individuals under 18 years of age selling non-consumable goods, prepackaged foods, lemonade, or nonalcoholic beverages on private property that earn \$5,000 or less annually.

Authored By: Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
House Committee: Small Business Development

Committee Action: 03-13-2023 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Committee Meeting Schedule

This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit www.legis.ga.gov to view all upcoming events.

Tuesday - March 14, 2023

8:00 AM	CANCELED INSURANCE COMMITTEE (House)	415 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
8:00 AM	MOTOR VEHICLES COMMITTEE (House)	606 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
8:00 AM	AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (House)	506 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
8:00 AM	JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL COMMITTEE (House)	132 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
8:00 AM	CANCELED Ways & Means Income Tax Subcommittee (House)	403 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
8:00 AM	Public Safety & Homeland Security Greene Subcommittee (House)	406 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
8:15 AM	CANCELED Ways & Means Ad Valorem Subcommittee (House)	403 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
9:00 AM	RULES COMMITTEE (House)	341 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (LD 33) (House)	House Chamber	VIDEO
1:00 PM	PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE (House)	606 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
1:00 PM	Governmental Affairs Elections Subcommittee (House)	415 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
1:00 PM	Public Safety & Homeland Security 2-A Subcommittee (House)	506 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
1:30 PM	JUDICIARY (CIVIL) COMMITTEE (House)	132 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
2:00 PM	RETIREMENT COMMITTEE (House)	406 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
2:00 PM	Natural Resources & Environment Resource Management Subcommittee (House)	506 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
2:00 PM	DEFENSE & VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (House)	515 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda

2:00 PM	Governmental Affairs State & Local Government Subcommittee (House)	415 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
3:00 PM	ENERGY, UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (House)	403 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
3:00 PM	JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE (House)	515 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
3:00 PM	REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE (House)	606 CLOB	VIDEO
3:00 PM	Special Committee on Healthcare (House)	341 CAP	VIDEO